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Politicians visit Blackdowns nursery

POLITICIAN William Hague, who was Leader of the House of Commons until Parliament was dissolved ahead of the General Election, was in the Blackdown Hills this month - *see page 3*

No quick fix to waste pick up problems

by Jack Dixon

COUNCIL bosses have reassured frustrated residents in the Blackdown Hills that a regular pick-up service for cardboard and mixed plastics will form part of its new recycling contract.

But it's likely to be another year before the changes come into effect.

East Devon District Council currently provides no kerbside pick-up service for these items, but says a permanent solution to the problem will be included in its new recycling and waste services agreement.

An effective and efficient collection service is a key aspect in presenting a "good impression" of the area, it says.

A spokesperson said the council will ensure that a pick-up service for cardboard and mixed plastics is made "a priority" in the new contract, which is set to commence on April 1st 2016.

Councillor Ian Chubb, EDDC's portfolio holder for environment, said: "Residents in East Devon value our service highly and want to see improvements to the kerbside collections service.

"Members place a huge value in the recycling and waste service as it provides a healthy recycling rate – currently 44 per cent – and is one of the lowest rates in the country for residual waste sent for disposal."

He added: "The new contract must deliver a wider range of recycling at the kerbside, including cardboard and mixed plastics.

"East Devon is one of the most beautiful areas in the country, with half of the district classified as an area of outstanding natural beauty. A well-operated collection service contributes to a good impression of our district."

The council is seeking a new provider for its recycling and waste services, and has launched a pro-

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National recognition for Clayhidon sheep farmers

A CLAYHIDON farming family has won national recognition for the quality of their sheep.

Graham and Anne Langford farm 110 Polled Dorset sheep at Great Garlandhayes with their son Joss and his family. They have 110 acres of land, mostly permanent grassland within a Higher Level Stewardship Scheme. Every year around half of their lambs are sold to Waitrose supermarkets and the rest are used as breeding rams and ewes.

Graham, a former management consultant who switched to farming less than 20 years ago, applies an old principle from his former career: "If you don't measure it you can't manage it."

Their meticulously cared-for flock has been measured, weighed and tested for the past 15 years and has shown dramatic improvements in size and quality. This has now been verified by EBLEX, a national body dedicated to improving the English lamb and beef industries, which has voted the Langfords' Blackdown Flock as "the Most Improved Flock of Dorset Sheep in England for 2015".

Poll Dorsets are a hornless version of the old Dorset Horn breed. Unusually they naturally produce lambs at any time of year, which is why the Langfords time their lambs to reach maturity between Christmas and Easter, before other English sheep farmers can get their produce into the shops.

GRAHAM and Anne Langford with the Blackdown flock

Letter to the editor

Poor rural services turning the county into a two tier society

THANK you for highlighting the slash and burn tactics of Devon County Council in the way they are proposing swinging cuts to rural bus services later this year, on the front page of the April 2015 issue (No123) of View from the Blackdowns.

May I correct just one thing you say about the proposed cuts to the 387. DCC are proposing to cut it to a one day a week service (Wednesday), not a two day a week service, because the Saturday service between Honiton and Taunton was already removed three years ago and although DCC still offer a 387 Saturday service between Sidmouth, Ottery St Mary and Honiton, they plan to reduce the 387 service between Honiton and Taunton from five days a week to a Wednesday only service. The DCC website does not make this clear.

There are some other facts your readers should know about this service and that is that although the 387 takes people from Devon to shop in Somerset's county town, Taunton, Somerset County Council provide no subsidy to the service whatsoever, even though it picks up passengers in the Somerset villages of Churchinford and Blagdon Hill as well.

Upottery Parish Council has recently made three suggestions to Devon County Council, recognising that the state of their finances make some cuts to the service unavoidable, but each of these three proposals should avoid the wholesale cuts from a five day service to a one day a week service that are being proposed:

1) DCC should, of course, insist that Somerset County Council also contribute to the subsidy of the 387 service. After all, Churchinford is designated a 'Minor Rural Centre' in the Taunton Deane Development Management Plan and if more houses are to be built in the village it is extremely short sighted of TDBC and SCC to allow a bus service to Taunton to disappear before the houses are built.

2) Indications are that SCC will not subsidise the service, in which case, DCC should focus on the needs of Devon taxpayers and not those of taxpayers in a neighbouring county. This could be achieved by reversing the 387 route, starting in Smeatharpe and running through Honiton and Ottery St Mary to Sidmouth in the morning and back in the afternoon. Whilst this will not enable Devon taxpayers to sample the delights of Taunton, it will enable Devon folk to shop in Devon's towns and for those who alight the bus north of Honiton, they would even be able to change in Honiton to a bus (or even train) to Exeter for the day if arrival/departure times in Honiton are adjusted accordingly. This could be a first for joined up transport planning!

3) The commercial, unsubsidised Stagecoach No 20 bus service provides five buses a day, in each direction, six days a week, between Honiton and Taunton, but it goes via Dunkeswell, Hemyock and Wellington. If either of the above two suggestions fail, then DCC should negotiate with Stagecoach for one bus to Taunton each morning and one bus each afternoon (called the 20X say) to be subsidised by DCC so as to go through Monkton, Rawridge, Upottery and Smeatharpe as well. The 387 north of Honiton could then be removed completely, replaced by the 20X. It will make the journey time longer, but it keeps a bus service running through these villages.

In justifying cuts to public services (and we can all expect to see more), the politicians are telling us we live in extraordinary times when austerity rules (and is likely to get worse after May 7). Extraordinary times demand extraordinary solutions and suggestions such as the three made by Upottery Parish Council must be explored fully by DCC. It is likely that similar creative solutions could be found to avoid the demise of the only one day a week, Saturday 684 bus service currently serving the people of Cotleigh and Stockland.

Buses take cars off the road, as does fast broadband, which DCC is also responsible for bringing to rural Devon and Somerset through their quango Connecting Devon and Somerset (CDS). Not only is DCC proposing a swinging cut to bus services in Upottery Parish, it has also declared 90 per cent of Upottery Parish 'Out of Programme' for Superfast Broadband, because it is 'too remote', even though the A303 runs through the middle of the parish!

Whilst the Phase 1 CDS programme which focused on urban areas was funded with a 40 per cent contribution from their chosen supplier BT, CDS have excluded any other company from bidding for the Phase 2 programme and are only asking for a 10 per cent contribution from BT for the Phase 2 programme which is entirely focused on rural areas and will as a result leave 45,000 rural properties in the two counties without a good broadband service for the rest of this decade.

Devon County Council are rapidly turning the county into a two tier society: urban (where all services are supplied) versus rural (where services are gradually removed). If DCC do this under the banner of more austerity, they had better know that it can only go so far, because once businesses move out (because of poor broadband); once the elderly move to the towns (because they cannot travel once they are unable to drive and their bus service has gone); and the young desert the villages (because they cannot visit their friends, be that electronically or physically) the countryside will experience severe economic decline compared to nearby towns. Broadband is the third essential utility in rural areas after only water and electricity. Gas and mains drainage, which are regarded and the third and fourth essential utilities in towns are rare in rural areas.

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Gold award for district council

SOUTH Somerset District Council has been assessed to be a Gold Standard Investor in People organisation, providing recognition that it is in the top three per cent of all the 45,000 organisations that hold IIP accreditation.

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The award was achieved following a week-long assessment by independent IIP assessors that looked in depth at the people management strategies and culture and how they support organisational performance. Staff from all levels within the organisation were interviewed as part of the assessment process.

Achieving Gold Standard IIP accreditation is described by Investors in People as an achievement of 'world class best practice' and reflects the very real progress that has been made since SSDC's last assessment in 2012.

In 2012 SSDC was assessed against the standard criteria and achieved the 'standard' award. For the recent assessment, SSDC elected to be assessed against all 196 criteria required for the Gold Standard. Opting for this criteria would allow the District Council to see where they are as an authority and could help identify areas for improvement as well as seeing if recent changes were working. SSDC was able to show they met 169 of the Gold Standard criteria, with 159 being the gold level requirement.

Suprise visit at Willowbrook

TO the delight of visitors at Willowbrook Nursery near Wellington, popular politician William Hague dropped in for a surprise visit with prospective Conservative MP Rebecca Pow.

He was given a guided tour of the extensive enterprise by owner Carol Grabham.

"Willowbrook Nursery is a shining example of a business that has been built up by one family from scratch over 25 years," said Rebecca.

"Now it not only offers a wide range of plants, many of which are grown at the nursery, but the business has also diversified to include a café, fish and pet department, wine business and is also home to an architectural practice.

"They suffered desperately when the whole place was flooded last year and it is remarkable to see how the business has bounced back and is stronger than ever.

"It shows that hard work and enterprise pays off and the strong economy generated by this government seems to be playing its part in enabling business growth, something we are seeing all over the constituency and which we need to continue."

Conservatives William Hague and Rebecca Pow are pictured with owner Carol Grabham, left, at Willowbrook Nursery.

● *See Willowbrook advertisement on page 4*

Memorial Hall moves on apace

THE building of a new Memorial Hall in Broadhembury has moved on swiftly over the last two months with the walls up and the roof trusses in place.

The new hall is funded by the Big Lottery and it is hoped to be ready for use in September.

A number of clubs in the parish will be using the hall. Under the terms of the Big Lottery, the Trustees must ensure that the it is regularly used and they need to develop more activities that use it.

Some that are to be considered are a mother and toddlers group, youth club, keep-fit/Pilates/Zumba, bridge club, dancing, and computer classes.

Anybody who would like to use the hall for a new group or for private use is asked contact any of the Trustees listed in the parish magazine.

ABOVE: Walls up to roof height, left a lorry delivers the roof trussses, below, all trusses in place

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curement process to find potential bidders.

A long-term contract is not due to begin for another year, but potential partners are now being encouraged to come forward and express an interest in taking on the contract.

Councillor David Cox, EDDC's portfolio holder for finance, added: "We aim to reduce the cost of our recycling and waste management, while increasing the range of recycling collected.

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Grant award is helping bring nature reserve back to health

CLAYHIDON Turbary landscape

AN East Devon heathland is being nursed back to health thanks to the work of a leading local wildlife charity.

Clayhidon Turbary nature reserve sits in the heart of the Blackdown Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Its 34 acres are made up of heathland, marshy areas and wet woodland – a series of landscape types that were once common but which have disappeared from much of the English countryside in recent decades.

Clayhidon Turbary was once used by local people who grazed their cattle there and who also cut peat from the site to use as fuel to heat their homes. However, in recent years these uses have declined and the heathland has begun to lose its special character with scrub and young woodland colonising its once open areas. If this situation continued then the area's special character and wildlife would soon have been lost.

In 2011 Devon Wildlife Trust took on the management of Clayhidon Turbury and made it a nature reserve. In the years since the charity has been using its experience gained at other nearby Blackdown Hills nature reserves to restore the site to former glories. The major breakthrough came when the charity recently gained £34,000 of funding for the nature reserve from Biffa Award - a multi-million pound fund which awards grants to community and environmental projects across the UK.

This has allowed restoration work to begin and the first results are beginning to show. Devon Wildlife Trust has just completed the installation of a fence around the site. This fence isn't designed to keep people out but it will keep ponies and cattle in.

Ed Hopkinson, the Nature Reserve Officer for Clayhidon Turbary explained: "Without fencing we couldn't introduce grazing animals to the reserve, and without grazing animals it was impossible to reverse the steady march of invasive young trees and scrub. Removing these by hand is time consuming and costly when ponies and cattle will do it 24 hours a day for no pay. So having cattle here is filling a massive missing piece in our management."

Biffa Award funding has also allowed Devon Wildlife Trust to buy a vital bit of new equipment in the shape of a scythe cutter. The kit is now allowing Ed to cutback bracken on some of the nature reserve's steep valley slopes, opening them up to the growth of more lesser butterfly orchids and violets. In turn these plants will encourage insect life including the rare pearl bordered fritillary butterfly.

Ed is now able to look forward to a brighter future for the nature reserve: 'I am delighted that Biffa Awards has supported the Devon Wildlife Trust on this restoration project for Clayhidon Turbary. Its future is now secure and the precious habitat and wildlife found here should thrive under our targeted management generously supported by Biffa Awards. But the work doesn't stop here.'

Over the coming year the project will widen its efforts encouraging greater interest in Clayhidon Turbary by recruiting volunteers to help with future management, installing better footpath access and providing interpretation panels which will tell visitors about the heathland's history, its wildlife and its future.

For visitors, Clayhidon Turbary nature reserve can be found by using postcode EX15 3SX or by using these directions: From the M5, exit at junction 26. At the roundabout take the first exit (A38 Wellington) and then at the next roundabout take the first exit (A38 Exeter). Straight on at the next roundabout and follow the road past the garden centre and a retirement home. Take the left hand turn marked Ford Street. Follow this road back under the M5 and through Ford Street until you come to a crossroad at the top of a hill. Go straight across and follow this road past Heazle Farm and then take the next right. The reserve entrance lies on the right just before the road starts heading downhill through a wooded section.

THEintroduction of ponies is proving a great boost in the restoration of Clayhidon Turbary nature reserve

BILL Rankin, Associate to Combe St Nicholas Parochial Trust, Fiona Smart, Head of Plants at Monkton Elm Garden & Pet Centre and Lynn Osborne, Acting Chairwoman at Combe St Nicholas Parochial Trust.

Free trees for public space

COMBE St Nicholas Parochial Trust has recently received a donation of young trees from a garden centre in Somerset.

Monkton Elm Garden & Pet Centre hosted a sapling giveaway for worthy causes on a first come first served basis and has presented the trees to the Underway Meade the trust manages.

Lynn Osborne, Acting Chairwoman at Combe St Nicholas Parochial Trust in Chard, said: "As a trust we manage a public space called Underway Meade, which consists of three acres of rough meadow attached to an acre of woodland. We wanted to plant a native hedgerow to encourage more birds to make use of the area so we're very thankful for the kind donation of saplings."

Monkton Elm Garden & Pet Centre at Monkton Heathfield near Taunton runs the sapling giveaway scheme annually. Schools, charities and not-for-profit organisations were invited to receive groups of between 50 and 100 small indigenous British varieties.

Andrew Pitman, store manager of the award-winning, independent family-run garden centre, explained: "Our sapling giveaway has once again been hugely successful and we had lots of people come forwards for the free trees.

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CLUBS and organisations

Bishopswood Ladies

AFTER welcoming members and friends to the AGM, chairperson Trish Taylor introduced the speaker for the evening, Mary Hyland, of Plantagenesta, a family history research company in Honiton.

Plantagenesta will either accept commissions to research a client's family history or work in conjunction with people researching for themselves. Mary is sometimes asked to do research for medical reasons, to discover genetic diseases for example.

In her view the distance the family tree stretches into the past is less important than the details of the past lives that are revealed, and in fact she often feels as if she were learning about real people who just happen to be dead!

Mary pointed out some of the difficulties faced in researching a family tree, such as changes of names and mistakes in spellings and dates. The details discovered cannot always be taken as true, consistency must be looked for and it is important to keep an open mind. The first English census was in 1841 but it was written in pencil and is difficult to read. The fact that so many of those questioned were illiterate makes the record somewhat unreliable. Sometimes wrong information was deliberately given, such as illegitimate children naming a fictitious father to make themselves appear respectable.

These observations were received with especial interest by those members engaged in discovering their own family history.

This helpful and enlightening talk was followed by a social break with a delicious supper provided by Linda Gower, Carol Jones and Hazel Tucker.

The AGM was quickly run through. Trish Taylor reported another successful year with varied speakers and outings. Treasurer Rosemary Ward-Smith pointed out that the surplus of income over expenditure was £400, nearly £100 greater than last year's surplus, which left the group's funds in a very healthy state. The officers and committee were thanked for all their hard work on behalf of the group.

The May meeting will be at Bishopswood Chapel when Luke Simon will talk about 'School in a Bag'. Visitors are welcome.

Blackdown Hills Garden Club

THE club's April meeting watched a presentation by Doug Stannard on 'Birds of the Blackdowns'.

Chairman Graham Salmon welcomed and gave notices followed by Jane Hunt with details of visits and treasurer Colvin Parry was on hand to take fees.

Ann Salmon ran the 50/50 plant sale, Alison Sampson sold seed potatoes for the hotly contested competitions at Upottery Show this August.

A large turnout this month listened to Mr Stannard and watched the slideshow on the many birds, both resident and migratory, which we can enjoy around us. Our own gardens are an important habitat for them and I learnt it is good to leave an untended wild area for them to feed on seeds and down. Also they need berries too, holly, rowan, hazel, beech masts, etc.

Vera Manning and Margaret Crabb provided refreshments, whilst David and Fiona Griffiths sold raffle tickets.

On Wednesday, May 13th, the club will visit Netherbury Rectory, Beaminster, DT6 5NB at 2pm.

On Wednesday, June 17th Angie Blackwell presents country arrangements from your garden at Churchinford Hall, 7.30pm, TA3 7QZ.

On Sunday, July 19th at 2pm a visit is planned to to Chideock Manor, DT6 6LF.

All welcome to attend any event, our programme is at upottery.com.

Hemyock WI

APRIL was the month for Hemyock's Annual Meeting. As the arranged speaker had cancelled, more time could be given to the business. Lyn remains as President but Judith has retired as secretary after nine years. Cindy Jefferson is now secretary with Sandra Featherstone agreeing to be treasurer. Lyn was thanked by Brenda for another interesting year.

Arrangements were made for taking exhibits to the Spring Exhibition at Halberton and for those attending the Spring Council Meeting in Torquay.

There was plenty of time for two quizzes and several games of ' Beatle' which proved hilarious as some members had not played this game for years.

The annual winners of the competitions were presented with their prizes. Bridget was champion for flowers and Cindy for the monthly competitions. This meeting it was Brenda's photo that came first and Cindy's beautiful camellia.

In May the WI are visiting The Common Loaf Bakery. Members to meet in the Parish Hall Car park at 7pm.

Sampford Arundel WI

THE beauty of an ideal April evening was reflected in the items brought by 'Dotty and Dolly' – alias Joan and Debbie – to Sampford Arundel WI's meeting.

There were quilts of all sizes, colours and patterns. Joan and Debbie had met doing their City and Guild certificates and had a successful partnership which developed into having the shop in Wellington. They teach various forms of quilting and patch-work and sell the lovely materials. Each piece they showed had a story attached, and it was all very inspiring – lots more quilts will now grace members' houses after that evening!

Whether anyone would have time to make anything is dubious with all that is going on. Book group on Thursday, Craft n' laugh at Christine's on Monday 20th, Skittles match 11th June. Village flower show 18th , quiz 22nd, both in July ; a walk in August.

May sees the AGM of Sampford Arundel WI. The National AGM is at the Albert Hall in June and will be broadcast in venues throughout the country. Two members will be gracing the gardens of Buckingham Palace at a special garden party – posh frocks and hats being the order of the day. A wonderful centenary year seems to be in full swing.

Hemyock Coffee Shop

WHEN the parish church council at Hemyock decided to start a Charity and Coffee Shop in 2012 little did they realise how successful it would be. What began with a few tables of good quality secondhand goods and the serving of light refreshments has now grown so much so that the Church Room sees both its rooms filled and is visited by a large number of people of all ages.

Floor to ceiling shelves hold a wide selection of books and ornaments, rails contain a huge variety of clothes for both young and the more mature, tables contain a large array of household goods, jigsaws, videos, DVD's and tapes along with toys, jewellery, shoes and other accessories.

Visitors keep the Friends of St Mary's who organise the coffee shop extremely busy and there is always a delicious selection of biscuits and cake mostly homemade.

Besides providing a social meeting place in the village the Charity and Coffee Shop annual donations are made to charity and this year the recipients were Sam's Legacy (Newlife Foundation) £500 and Hemyock Youth & Social Club £200

At the beginning of Easter an addional attraction at the shop was a childrens craft morning organised by Meg Palmer

Forthcoming open mornings from 10am - 12 noon are: May 2nd, 12th and 26th.

Parish Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer - Clayhidon

Clayhidon Parish Council is seeking to appoint a

Part time Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer from June 2015.

For further information please email the Parish Council at clayhidonparishcouncil@gmail.com

The deadline for applications is the 31st May 2015.

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Spring show is a success

HEMYOCK Gardeners' Association Spring Show was held in the Parish Hall.

Show Secretary, Barbara Heaton, said it was a successful show which resulted in a colourful display with keen competition for the awards.

The club competition was for a pot of tete-a-tete daffodils as every member had been given five bulbs to plant. It was an amazing display and the winner was Kathy Jones.

The main trophy winners were Monica Smith who had two for floral art and Jean Churchill who won two for the art classes.

Brenda Calcraft also won two cups one of which was the brand cup for most points in show, which was donated by John and Pam Butterwith. Other cup winners were: Jerry King, Margaret Ackland, Jane Smith, Jane Attlee, Henry Farrant and Karen Pinder.

The prizes were presented by the chairman David Major, who thanked everyone who had helped to make it a successful day.

Brenda Calcraft is pictured receiving the Butterwith Trophy for most points in show from John Butterwith.

Stockland Fair, Monday May 25th

ONE of the biggest and most traditional village country fairs in East Devon takes place in Stockland on May Bank Holiday Monday, 25th.

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Richard is rewarded at last!

RICHARD Hooker took the Open Class at the recent Cotley Hedgelaying competitionin the most popular competition since it began seven years ago.

Event organiser, Roger Parris said: "It was a very well deserved win amongst a very high quality field – the best 17 Devon-style hedgelayers in the country."

Spectators to the event enjoyed a visual feast of hedgelaying with refreshments and a bar available all day on a clear chilly day with no rain, much to the organisers' relief.

Along with the 17 competitors in the open class, the intermediate, novice pairs and ladies classes all boasted their highest number of entries ever.

" Hedgelaying seems to be finally getting more popular with noticeably a lot more interest in the competition this year," commented Mr Parris.

This year even Cotley Hunt Master huntsman Fred Eames and kennel huntsman Paul Williams took part for the first time, much to everyone's delight. Rumours abound that a couple of hedgelayers might be seen on horses out with the hunt next year.

All monies raised from the sale of food and drink was donated to the Devon Air Ambulance.

Tim Hoad, a volunteer from the Devon Air Ambulance Trust, attended the event and took away with him a staggering £1,025.55 which in his words was 'a fantastic total. Mr Hoad said he was very grateful to all the hedgelayers and everyone who donated.

The Cotley Hedgelaying Committee would like to thank Fred and Belinda Pennington for kindly hosting the competition this year and to their sponsors, ProCam Agriculture Ltd, who kindly sponsored the open class and Gyles 59 Beer, who sponsored the novice pairs class.

Results were as follows:

Open Class
1st Richard Hooker
2nd Stuart Drew
3rd Colin Risdon
4th Nick Fowler

Intermediate Class
1st Duncan Fraser
2nd Dan Strawbridge
3rd Nick Copp
4th Matt Townshend

Ladies Class
1st Tina Bath
2nd Catrina Paton
3rd Jill Exon

Novice Pairs
1st Will Dyer and Morris Burrough
2nd Paul and Darren Ackroyd
3rd Stuart Curtis and Simon Cullingford
4th Emma French and Leo Dugdale

Best Cotley Young Farmer Pair: Will Dyer and Morris Burrough

Best Cotley Supporters Pair: Richard Strawbridge and Corinna Pyman

Best Veteran over 60: Catrina Patton

YOUNG Farmers Will Dyer and Morris Burrough collecting the novice pairs trophy and beer from Emma on behalf of the class sponsors Gyles 59 Beer.

RICHARD Hooker, open class winner, receiving the much coveted trophy from Guy Peters on behalf of Procam Agriculture Ltd

HEDGELAYER at work during the competi-

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OCT 11	5 DAYS	THE AUTUMN COLOURS OF WALES – GARDENS & TRAINS	£325.00
OCT 11	15 DAYS	OUR 2015 GRAND TOUR ... SICILY	£1595.00
OCT 11	5 DAYS	CHRISTIAN BASED TOUR –LAKES & DALES	£385.00
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OCT 23	2 DAYS	A MYSTERY WEEKEND	£139.00
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Fri 1st May 7.30pm Tickets: Adult £6.50 Under 16's £5.50

CINEMA: PADDINGTON (PG)

Mon 4th May 2pm Tickets: Adult £6.50 Under 16's £5.50

HONITON FESTIVAL: 4 GIRLS 4 HARPS

Sat 9th May 7.30pm Tickets: Adult £15, Friends of HF £14, Students £5

The world's leading harp quartet. Their programme will include works Corri, Firsova, Le Fanu, Rachmaninov, Shostakovitch, Terraga, Henriette Renie & Savourna Stevenson in arrangements by the girls which show off the full scope of four concert harps. "The girls radiated warmth & elegance...the happy audience acclaimed it as one of the most delightful ever of the festival's musical evenings." Wiltshire Gazette & Herald

THE HOUSE: PANTA REI DANCE THEATRE

Sun 10th May 7.30pm Tickets: Adult £8, Child £6, Family of 4 £25

Panta Rei Dance Theatre perform all over the world, but are coming back to Devon, thanks to Villages in Action, with a new, energetic and intricate performance. The House GranNabo, or "Neighbours" houses curiosity, love and uncertainty. A beautiful, energetic and playful performance with a compelling music score and five incredible dancers.

CINEMA: WHIPLASH (15)

Fri 15th May 7.30pm Tickets: Adult £6.50 Under 16's £5.50
Director : Damien Chazelle, Stars: Miles Teller, J.K. Simmons, Melissa Benoist

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HONITON FESTIVAL: BOREALIS SAXOPHONE QUARTET

Sat 16th May 7.30pm Tickets: £15, Friends of HF £14, Students £5

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JOHNNY CASH REVISITED

Sun 17th May 7.30pm Tickets: Adult £15, Under 16 £10

Celebrating the musical journey of Johnny Cash from being a young gospel singer from Dyess Arkansas, into the legendary recording artist known as 'THE MAN IN BLACK'. Rick McKay and special guest Jodie McKay pay tribute to Johnny Cash and June Carter with their band "Starkville City" to bring you a two hour uplifting show full of Country Music, Rock 'n' Roll and Rockabilly classics!

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HONITON FESTIVAL: CHAMBER PHILHARMONIC EUROPE

Sat 30th May 7.30pm Tickets: £15, Friends of HF £14, Students £5

Founded in Cologne, Germany, the Chamber Philharmonic Europe engages talented young musicians from 18 European nations. Their programme will include: Bach Violin Concerto in A Minor BWV1041, Hummel Concerto for Trumpet & Orchestra, Mozart Divertimento in F, KV 138 and Holst Suite for String Orchestra Op.29.

First performance in 300 years!

THE internationally renowned 2014 winner of the York Early Music Festival Lifetime Achievement Award, Andrew Parrott (pictured) , will be the guest director for the next Blackdowns Early Music Projects concert on May 4th in St John's Parish Church, Wellington.

Andrew founded the Taverner Choir, Consort and Players in the 1970s, and their recordings of music from Machaut to Handel are considered to be exemplars of early music interpretation.

The concert programme on May 4 will include the first known performance since May 1690 of Johann Kerll's Missa Superba, with full supporting programme of Viennese music – and who was Kerll, you will ask! He lived from 1627–1693 and developed an international reputation in his lifetime as a composer and teacher. His professional life was centred on Vienna, although he was encouraged to work across Europe by his patrons, meeting and working with many influential musicians and composers of the day. A considerable quantity of Kerll's work is lost to us now; however it is highly significant that both of the best-known German composers of the late baroque period, JS Bach and Handel were greatly influenced by Kerll's compositions and borrowed significant sections of his music for their own works.

The band of baroque violins (Julia Black & Hazel Brooks) violone (Jan Spencer), organ (Martin Perkins) and five sackbuts (early trombones) of the Royal Welsch College of Music & Drama will make a glorious sound in support of the singers and demonstrate the unique qualities of this distinctive and little heard seventeenth- century repertoire.

Tickets (£12, student £6, under 12s free) are available now from Taunton and Wellington TIC, www.blackdownsearlymusic.co.uk or at the door.

diary dates

MONDAY MAY 4TH
Dunkeswell Bowling Club is looking for new members. There is an open day for anyone, male or female, young or older to go along to from 1.30 to 4.30pm in the Throgmorton Hall, finishing with tea and cream scones. For further information 01404 891799.

WEDNESDAY MAY 13TH
Outing to Old Rectory, Netherbury, Beaminster, Dorset, DT6 5NB - 2pm. Ticket £5 plus teas. Non members additional £1.50. All welcome to join us at five acre garden visit. For more information contact The Blackdown Hills Gardening Club - programme at www. upottery.com.

SATURDAY, MAY 9TH, , SUNDAY MAY 10TH AND MONDAY MAY 11TH
Spinners and Weavers Workshop, Staplehay, Taunton TA3 7HG Open Days 10 - 4pm. See working looms and fibre being spun into yarn and an interesting range of completed products. ContactSarah Downer 01823 601245 or www.spinnersandweaversworkshop.com

MONDAY, MAY 25TH
Stockland Fair, Bank Holiday Monday 1.30pm

SATURDAY, MAY 30TH
Old Inn, Kilmington, 7th Annual Beer Festival. Midday to Midnight.

If you are holding an event in the Blackdown Hills and would like it included as a Diary Date in the paper please email the details to alex@tindlenews.co.uk. Don't forget to include the date, time, place, organiser's name and a brief description of the event.

Festivals & Shows

in and around the Blackdown Hills

AXE VALE FESTIVAL

AT THE family friendly Axe Vale Festival you will find much to inspire you on the gardening front; an impressive floral marquee full of colour and scents, stalls selling plants the like of which you have never seen before as well as your favourites, seeds, garden tools and garden furniture to relax on.

Other attractions include marquees displaying all sorts of tempting foods, crafts of great variety, skill and ingenuity, toys and hobbies including many nostalgic exhibits, art, and antiques and collectables.

There are arena events including displays by heavy horses, motorbikes and sidecars, old caravans, gundogs and hawks. A number of craftsmen will be demonstrating their skills, many of them traditional. The stalls in the shopping malls will give opportunity for retail therapy, and for the children there many different activities.

The Axe Vale Festival takes place on June 20th and 21st 2015 at The Showground, Trafalgar Way.

Tickets are £8.50 for adults, £2 under 16s, and free for under 5s. Advance tickets are £7/£1.50 from Archway Bookshop, Serendip Sidmouth, Mole Avon Axminster, and local Tourist Information Centres (advance tickets available until June 19th at 5pm). Tickets can also be purchased online at www.axevalefestival.co.uk. Parking is free, and a free bus service will be available from Axminster Town Centre and station.

HONITON SHOW

THE Honiton & District Agricultural Association are celebrating a magnificent 125 years in 2015. Join in the fun and festivities at the Honiton Show on Thursday 6th August.

The Grand Parade is one of the many highlights of the main ring activities where the day's livestock winners proudly parade. The 2015 main ring will be a hive of activity with fantastic acts including two first time visitors to Honiton; Moto Stunts International; the UK's largest stunt team, including large static car jumps, fire stunts, race quads, motorcycle stunts and specialist vehicles, and the Little Nippers Terrier Racing Display Team which will keep you all entertained.

"The Sheep Show" returns to Honiton with its humorous, educational, live stage show all about sheep, don't miss is the sheep shearing and their "dancing sheep"! Whilst on the subject of sheep we introduce new classes this year for Zwartbles, a fascinating breed who originate from the Netherlands and were first imported in the early 1990's.

The lower field incorporates all that is countryside with hurdle making, ferret racing, a blacksmiths guild and a trip down memory lane with a vintage tractor section with over 100 vehicles on display.

New to the rural skills are the The Devon & Cornwall Master Thatchers who will be demonstrating this wonderful craft part of villages cultural heritage.

Honiton plays host to the West of England Hound Show, a show within a show, which attracts a huge following countrywide. There is the wonderful dog show comprising both pedigree and fun classes for the pet pooch. If chickens are your interest we have a fantastic poultry show and sale.

We have entertainment in abundance for children with Professor Twistopher's Punch and Judy, as seen on the hugely popular and wildly acclaimed television series Downton Abbey or maybe a donkey ride will interest. With over 400 trade stands, including crafts, shopping and a fabulous food hall there really is something for everyone. We have a huge and diverse range of food courts to tickle your taste buds with local caterers offering the very best produce.

Honiton prides itself on being a truly traditional agricultural show with a unique atmosphere it brings new and traditional agriculture together so make a note in the diary, 6th August, we all look forward to welcoming you. Don't forget accompanied under 16's are free. Make savings and purchase your advance tickets now for just £13.50 per adult for a whole day of entertainment. For further details on the show or details on becoming a member of the Association with all its benefits please contact the secretary on 01404 41794 or visit the website www.honitonshow.co.uk or follow us on twitter @honitonshow1890.

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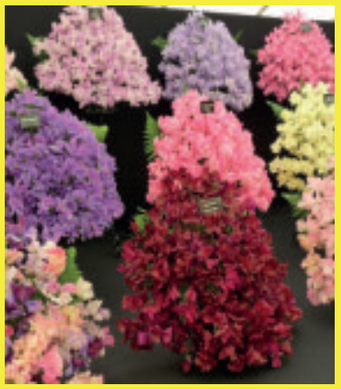

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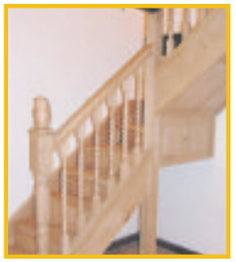

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Wrangway, Blackdown Hills **£645,000**

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An opportunity to purchase a period home set in wonderful gardens with accommodation approaching 6000 sq ft in size. The property is currently the home of the existing owners and has an income from an established bed and breakfast business , however there is also real potential to convert the house into individual units. We are informed that planning permission has been granted to this effect.

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Lydmarsh, Chard - £565,000

An spacious 4/5 bedroom bungalow set in its own grounds in this quiet location just outside Chard. The accommodation comprises: Storm porch, entrance hall, sitting room, kitchen/diner, dining room/bedroom 5, 4 further bedrooms, family bathroom, utility room, huge loft space, double garage with workshop, summerhouse,, gardens and paddock totalling approximately 1.55 acres.

Wambrook - £365,000

A 3 bedroom character cottage in the beautiful village of Wambrook near Chard. Comprises: Porch, Entrance Hall, spacious and modern kitchen/dining room, sitting room with log burner leading out to a large conservatory, utility room, downstairs shower room, master bedroom, 2 further bedrooms, bathroom, sheds and outbuildings and a large garden (approx 1/4 of an acre) with stunning country views.

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